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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN REPROCESSING

- 1. WE ARE TRYING TO ESTIMATE POSSIBLE PAKISTANI REACTION IF JACOMET DOES INFORM THE GOP OF FRENCH REPROCESSING DECISION BEFORE THE NEWSOM VISIT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BY THE MORNING OF JULY FIRST OUR TIME, YOUR ASSESSMENT OF HOW THE GOP WILL REACT.
- 2. WE ARE SPECIFICALLY INTERESTED IN YOUR VIEW ON WHETHER THE PAKS WILL IMMEDIATELY GO PUBLIC AND DENOUNCE THE FRENCH DECISION IN ORDER TO HEAD OFF ANY POSSIBLE LEAK AND CONSEQUENT PPP ATTEMPTS TO EXPLOIT THE ISSUE, OR ALTERNATIVELY, TRY TO DELAY A PUBLIC REACTION UNTIL AFTER THE NEWSOM VISIT OR LATER. ALSO, WHAT DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS WILL AFFECT THE PAKISTANI DECISION? SECRET

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3. ANY OTHER THOUGHTS ON POSSIBLE SCENARIOS FOR PAK REACTIONS WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL. MANY THANKS. VANCE

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